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Passing along.

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Dear Director Woolford, Assistant Regional Administrator Hestmark, and Director Murray,

On behalf of my colleagues at CH2M, I want to express our admiration for the leadership that EPA and other federal, state, and local agencies are demonstrating in response to the Gold King Mine release. As communicated in a letter from Chris Shea, President of CH2M's Environmental and Nuclear Business Group, to Regional Administrator McGrath, CH2M has a community interest in supporting the EPA in its response. As an initial effort, CH2M is pleased to offer its preliminary thoughts on strategic approaches and recommendations for a series of tasks that we believe are critical to both the recovery and long term response effort. We purposefully developed these ideas and recommendations starting with a "blank sheet", as we recognize that you are already moving forward on several of these fronts. As Chris communicated to Regional Administrator McGrath, CH2M's subject matter experts are available to support the development of your response strategy on a pro-bono basis.

We hope for the safety of your staff and the affected communities, and look forward to supporting you. Understanding how consuming this effort is, we will make ourselves available in whatever forum (conference call, at your home office, or at your incident command center) is most convenient to you. I can be reached anytime on my mobile phone (240-506-5313).

Sincerely,

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